



## REMARKS

The present amendment makes an editorial correction to improve the readability of the specification. No new matter is added thereby.

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## APPENDIX

Version with markings to show changes made.

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### THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, paragraph beginning at line 11:

--German PS 196 13 945 discloses a [reemployment block for] device for preventing re-employment of a container for the ink supply of an ink print head. An ink connecting line from the ink print head is docked to the container with a hollow needle via a rubber-elastic closure. One cover mechanism is irreversibly triggered by the hollow needle when the container is pulled off. A refilled ink reservoir can no longer be docked. Unfortunately, this solution also prevents the [reemployment] re-employment of containers filled with original ink. The used ink tanks only can be returned to the dealer or the manufacturer's service department for proper disposal. It is a disadvantage when even a recycled consumable offered by the manufacturer cannot be [reemployed] re-employed. The use of exactly copied pirated ink reservoirs, unfortunately, can not be avoided with this known arrangement. A distinction between original consumable and unauthorized copies thereof is required for that purpose. A consumable that was not checked by the manufacturer or approved by the manufacturer represents a risk to the legibility of the franking imprint. The franking imprint must be capable of being read visually and by machine by the postal authorities in order to be able to verify the payment of postage. Together with other components of the postage meter machine, the consumables employed must therefore be approved by the postal authorities.--